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Overt Request from Department of State for Permission for Full Authorization to Operate Radio Stations in [redacted]

Meeting held in Mr. Edward Bash's office, State Department, 23 March 1948, attended by Lt. Col. Parker, G-2, Major Miller, G-2, Mr. Davis, Dept. of State, [redacted] and the undersigned, CIA.

1. Mr. Davis informed the G-2 officers that their memorandum suggesting that State approach the above foreign governments for authorization for operating radio installations within State installations of those countries was not favorably considered at this time. The memorandum in question covered in content the following basic factors:

(1). Cost of equipment and personnel for radio stations to be borne in an equitable manner by all Government users of the service.

(2). State Department would activate the stations within their installations, including the personnel thereof, but the stations would, in all probability, work into Army radio bases.

2. Mr. Davis further informed the G-2 representatives that it was the considered opinion of the Department of State that the three countries in question would be disinclined to grant authorization at this time, and, further, a Department request for authorization would endanger the present emergency facilities made available by CIA. Mr. Davis continued that the Department viewed the request as an idea with merit and suggested that the idea be shifted to some less "ticklish" area. After some discussion amongst the members present, the only other possible area which appears presently feasible was [redacted] Mr. Bash instructed Mr. Davis to make a traffic survey of [redacted] and [redacted] and Major Parker agreed to do the same in the G-2 section. If the results of these surveys prove that a request would be feasible from the economy and speed of transmission point of view, the Signal Corps will be contacted as to the possibility of working into Signal Corps bases [redacted]


3. The undersigned informed the G-2 representatives that our emergency stations in [redacted] were there for the purpose of protecting and servicing all Embassy personnel, including M.A.'s, in the event of an emergency. Major Miller indicated that he was of the opinion that the M.A.'s in those stations were

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unaware of the existence of the service. The undersigned hardly believes that the stations could have been installed without the knowledge of Military Attache personnel.


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